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REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for the courtesy given to Applicants' representative in the telephone conferences of January 20, 2004 and January 28, 2004, summaries of which are given below. This communication is submitted in response to the Examiner's request in those interviews, and in the Office Communication of February 2, 2004, for a substitute 37 C.F.R. §1.312(c) amendment.

Interview Summary Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.133(b)

In accordance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.133(b) and M.P.E.P. §713.04, Applicants hereby provide the following written summary of the discussions between Applicants' representative and Examiner Janice Q. Li in reference to the above-identified application. On January 20, 2004, Applicants' representative contacted Examiner Li to notify her of the omission of the Examiner's amendment in the 37 C.F.R. §1.312(c) amendment submitted January 9, 2004. After reviewing the file, Examiner Li called Applicants' representative on January 28, 2004 and indicated that an Office Communication would be mailed containing a request for resubmission of the 37 C.F.R. §1.312(c) amendment with the appropriate corrections.

Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. §1.312(c)

Claims 4-8, 11, 12, 16-19, 22, and 28-31 are allowed in this application. Applicants acknowledge the renumbering of the allowed claims set forth by the Examiner in the Notice of Allowance mailed January 8, 2004. In addition, the current amendments have incorporated the Examiner's Amendment accompanying the Notice of Allowance.

In this communication, Claims 28, 29, and 30 have been amended to place the claims in better form for issuance. Additionally, the specification has been amended under 37 C.F.R. §1.78, and in adherence with the guidelines in M.P.E.P. §201.11, to provide the proper relationship between this pending application and International Application No. PCT/US99/30089.

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Entry of the amendments is respectfully requested. Please direct any calls in connection with this application to the undersigned at (415) 781-1989.

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